



# the bear facts

## SUMDOG

### SOUTHWEST/WEST CENTRAL MATH CONTEST

The next opportunity for MLC students to participate in a Sumdog competition begins TODAY (Friday, January 17). MLC students are looking forward to another round of math contests.



### School Today?

Monday, Jan 20  
NO SCHOOL  
Professional Development

Monday, Feb 17  
NO SCHOOL  
Presidents' Day

Friday, Mar 6  
NO SCHOOL  
Professional Development

Sumdog is a website that offers a variety of math games that motivate students to practice math. Students in grades 3-8 participate in the math contest by playing the games and accumulating points for each question they answer correctly. As the students play the game, the game adapts to the level of math they are at so every student is answering questions at their own level. The contest has a maximum of 1000 questions for each student and scores are determined by the number correctly answered.

Encourage students to sign in and work on Sumdog over this four-day weekend! ■

Friday, January 31  
**GAME NIGHT**  
for all MLC families IT'S ON

Bring a game and snack to share

## MLC'S ANNUAL FRUIT SALE

The MLC fruit sale will begin soon! *This year's sale will be 100% profit to MLC.* What a gift to MLC and what an opportunity for MLC families! Watch for information about this year's sale to be sent home the week of January 27.

For now, here are some important upcoming dates:



Sales will begin January 31

Fruit delivery is scheduled for Thursday, March 5.



## MLC

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Find us on Facebook at Mountain

Lake Christian School



MLC K through 6th grade students are currently participating in Acadience Math and Reading testing. You may not recognize this test name because in previous years these tests were known as DIBELS testing.

Acadience testing assessments are used to measure early literacy skills for kindergarten through grade 6 just like the DIBELS testing. Testing is being done over the next three weeks. We are anxious to see how our students are progressing. ■

**FEBRUARY IS...  
L♥VING our  
PARENTS MONTH  
@ MLC**



Wednesday,

February 5  
at MLC

7:15 am-7:50 am



Wednesday,

February 19  
at MLC

7:15 am - 7:50 am

## WHAT: ICE SKATING



**WHO:** Grades K-5

**WHEN:** Friday, Feb 14

**WHERE:** Windom Area Arena at the fairgrounds in Windom

**COST:** \$2.00 per person for skating plus \$1 for the bus ride (total \$3.00)

Parents are welcome to join us and can skate free of charge!

Students are bringing home permission sheets that need to be returned with payment to classroom teachers by **Tuesday, Jan 21.** ■



Wednesday,  
February 12, 2020  
Windom

## ELEMENTARY SPELLING BEE

Thursday  
February 27  
8:30 am



in the MLC Music Room

MLC parents are invited to attend the Elementary Spelling Bee on **Thursday, February 27.** In our effort to create an atmosphere where students can do their best without distraction, MLC teachers would prefer that younger siblings are not in attendance. Younger children that are in attendance must be kept quiet and not allowed to distract during the event. Thank you for your consideration. ■

## Kitchen News



### Lunch Menus

Find daily menus at [www.gomlc.org](http://www.gomlc.org). The Lunch Menu can be found under the Programs and Services tab.

Menus are entered on a monthly basis.

All meals are served with milk. A salad bar is available Monday through Friday, unless otherwise noted. Fresh fruit served when available.



### Kitchen Help

Find the Kitchen Helper schedule on the MLC website at [www.gomlc.org](http://www.gomlc.org) under the Programs and Services tab. Please watch the calendar for your assigned dates.

Would you please take time to look at this calendar and make note of the following:

- Find your assigned dates and do your best to be on time. Help should be in the kitchen at 11 am. (Emails were sent out the beginning of the school year letting you know your assigned dates.)
- We have many days to fill beginning the end of February to the end of the school year. If you can help, contact Vickie in the office at 427-2010 or [vkruieger@gomlc.org](mailto:vkruieger@gomlc.org).



We have an exciting new opportunity for MLC students beginning in grades 3!! Read on...

Students can learn to write code for a computer program through a website called Code Monkey. What is coding? A code is an instruction that must be written in a certain way to tell a computer what to do. Coding allows us to use software, apps, and websites. This is a key skill for today's students to learn. This is also a great introduction to the robotics course offered in upper grades.

**Details:** Coding Club for grades 6-12 will meet after school on Mondays, 3-4 pm; coding club for grades 3-5 will meet either Thursday or Monday, 3-4 pm. Club will begin the week of January 27 and run through March 31. A \$10 fee to cover expenses will be due.

**Sign-Up:** A sign-up form is being sent home with students in grades 3-12. Please complete this form by **Wednesday, Jan 22** and return it along with payment to the MLC office.

Coding Club is being led by Mr. Guess, Mrs. Spinks, and Mrs. Kutch.



**MLC HS  
GRADUATION**  
**Saturday May 23**  
**1 pm**  
**Alliance Missionary  
Church, in Mt. Lake**

On **March 9**, Hannon Ford of Windom Pottery will be in MLC Art Classes! Always a highlight, students will learn to work with clay. Students should dress appropriately.

**Grades K-5 will  
celebrate on  
March 13**

**Dr. Seuss**  
**HOORAY FOR DIFFENDOOPER DAY!**  
WITH SOME HELP FROM  
Jack Prelutsky & Lane Smith

## JR HIGH KNOWLEDGE BOWL FINISHES STRONG

The MLC Knowledge Bowl team finished the season with great success at super-regions receiving 7th place out of 42 teams participating. Congratulations, TEAM!



Pictured L to R: Zach Klassen, Hadyn Axford, Isaiah Rete, Coach Melissa Kutch, Kelsey Hinkeldey, Coach Gail Pearson, Lydia Cavanaugh, Meghan Johnson.



## MLC AUCTION April 3, 2020

The MLC Auction date has been set for April 3rd. We hope that you will put this date on your calendar and make plans to attend.

The committee is taking suggestions for items that you might like to bid on at the auction. Make your suggestion(s) by calling the office at 507-427-2010 or emailing Vickie at vkrueger@gomlc.org.

We can't wait! ■

### Watch For It:

[www.gomlc.org](http://www.gomlc.org)

Watch for our exciting new look on the website to be published soon.

Our new site should be easier to navigate and will be mobile friendly!



Have you seen the “What We Value About MLC” video produced by MLC junior, Eli Johnson? If you haven't, you are missing out. We have posted it on the Mountain Lake Christian School Facebook site.

Check it out! It is excellent!

Well done, Eli!!

Watch for this video to be posted on the new MLC website: [www.gomlc.org](http://www.gomlc.org)

## ADVOCATE FOR MLC



Spread the word about the great things that are happening at MLC. As you visit with family and friends during the upcoming Christmas holiday, be ready to tell them about MLC! Invite them to contact the MLC office at 507-427-2010 with any questions they may have. **YOU ARE OUR GREATEST ADVOCATE!!**



### FOR YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY!

REMINDER: It is important that the MLC office hear **directly from a student's parent** regarding a change in schedule, and not a sibling or friend. If we do not hear directly from a parent, the office will call or text the parent for confirmation of the change. This is for the safety of all concerned.

Thank you for working with us!

#### Did you know?

The MLC school board meets at MLC on the third Monday of each month. Board meetings are open to the MLC family. If you have questions, please contact the office.



### Watch for our Communication!

Communication is important to us, and it takes work!! We want to hear from you, and we work hard to communicate with you. Watch for our communication in the following ways:

- monthly Bear Facts
- teacher newsletters, notes & emails
- your student's backpack
- RenWeb
- cell text messages
- [www.gomlc.org](http://www.gomlc.org) (be watching for a new look to our site!)
- Facebook (Mountain Lake Christian School)
- radio & tv announcements



Find weather-related announcements at:

- cell text message
- email
- facebook
- website
- radio stations:
  - KDOM (1480 or 94.3)
  - KJWR (90.9)
- tv stations:
  - KMSP
  - KSTP
  - KARE 11
  - WCCO
  - KEYC

## SPREAD THE WORD

It is easy to earn \$\$\$ for MLC

### Hy-Vee and Maynards Scrip

The percentage of MLC families using Hy-Vee and Maynards Scrip could be so much higher. What is stopping *you* from using scrip? It is soooo easy! Did you know that MLC received a 5-10 percent donation for all of your groceries purchased using scrip? The average family of four spends nearly \$600 on groceries per month....your grocery purchases could bring a \$30-\$60 monthly donation to MLC!

### Reasons to Use Scrip

- Scrip is a much safer way to make purchases!
- Scrip is convenient - no carrying cash or writing checks!
- Scrip can be used by anyone -- you do not have to have children enrolled at MLC!
- Scrip causes a 5%-10% donation to MLC
- Scrip can be mailed to you. Just send MLC a check with your request!

### Quick Steps

Windom  
Hy-Vee  
Scrip



1. Come to the MLC office.
2. Write a check or give cash to MLC for an amount in \$50 increments for as many groceries as you might purchase.
3. MLC give you a prepaid cash card for the amount of your check or cash.
4. Go to Hy-Vee and use that card like a gift card to purchase your groceries. You do not have to spend the whole amount in one shopping trip.
5. MLC receives a 10% donation!

Mt. Lake  
Maynards  
Scrip



1. Come to the MLC office.
2. Write a check or give cash to MLC for an amount in \$25 increments for as many groceries as you might purchase.
3. MLC gives you scrip for the amount of your check or cash.
4. Go to Maynards and set up an account. Use this account similar to a charge account.
5. MLC receives a 5% donation!

**amazonsmile**  
You shop. Amazon gives.

*Have you begun your holiday shopping?* If you are shopping online, we want to encourage you to use Amazonsmile. Go to smile.amazon.com. Set up an account and make Mountain Lake Christian School your charity of choice.

**KEEP COLLECTING!**  
It makes a difference!

Bring your collections of the following items to the MLC office. MLC will reap a reward!

- Ink Cartridges
- Best Choice Labels
- Box Tops for Education (see note at right)

We will continue to take clipped Box Tops for Education as long as you find them. However, know that the program is changing to an all-digital format. See page 6 for more information.

# BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION IS GOING DIGITAL

Taken from the website: [boxtops4education.com](http://boxtops4education.com)

The next generation of box tops is here. Box tops is changing to fit today's families. The new and improved Box Tops mobile app uses state-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to your school's earnings online.

## 1. MORE CONVENIENT

Redeem anywhere, anytime within 14 days of purchase

## 2. EASY TO USE

No more clipping or sending Box Tops to school

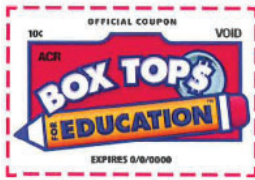
## 3. REAL TIME

Your school's earnings are automatically updated online

## 4. EXTRA CASH

Access special bonus offers on top of your Box Tops earnings

### THE OLD BOX TOPS CLIPS



### THE NEW BOX TOPS CLIPS



Traditional Box Tops clips are being phased out of production, but may continue to be found on many products throughout the store. You can still clip and send them to school.

Every valid Box Tops clip is worth 10 cents for your school. Make sure each one has a clearly visible product acronym and expiration date.

Eventually the Box Tops program will become digital-only. Participating brands are starting to change their packaging from the traditional Box Tops clip to the new Box Top label.

If you see this label, use the new Box Tops app to scan your receipt. Box Tops are still worth 10 cents each for your school. The app will find participating products purchased at any store and instantly add cash to your school's earnings online.

Skip the scissors & Use the App!

